



Technology First Taskforce Recommendations 2023

Top 3 Priorities:

1. Build the capacity of the field to have conversations and use tech as a solution.
2. Evaluate and measure how tech is being used as a solution.
3. Develop relationships with all technology-related initiatives and partners.

1. Support case managers, teachers, guardians, family members, people with lived experience, and direct-support professionals to have specific person-centered conversations that lead into beneficial assessment around what technology can do for people's lives.
2. Continue evaluating technology-related needs and supports (e.g., Remote Support; Assistive technology, Technology First Administrative Rule), concerning personal satisfaction, cost savings and cost distribution within the state disabilities support system, and advance the use of DataOhio platform.
3. Develop and enhance relationships with SmartCities, DriveOhio, BroadbandOhio, and technology initiatives through InnovateOhio so that people with disabilities have a place at the technology innovation table. Include access to employment and accommodations.
4. Provide opportunities to invest and pilot innovative technology solutions for people with disabilities and communicate the stories and successes of past awardees and emphasize best practices.
5. Work collaboratively to increase access to telehealth and tele-psychiatry options for people with disabilities through education and resources.
6. Develop a state level interagency agreement among all Technology First Taskforce agencies so that these agencies work together to set common policy, definitions, training material, and benchmarks, and monitor implementation.
7. Identify best practices and barriers to successful implementation of the Technology First Administrative Rule.
8. The Technology First Taskforce will engage two times per year with the DODD Technology First Advisory Committee to identify and celebrate technology breakthroughs and identify barriers to access technology for people with developmental disabilities.
9. Support Intermediate Care Facilities and Developmental Centers to develop technology-related supports both for the people being supported and the staff supporting them.
10. Advance supportive technologies that enable older Ohioans, and those with complex needs, to live independently and thrive within their communities.